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Black bear seasons and requirements

This regulation establishes black bear chase and hunt seasons, chase and hunt requirements, bag limits, and legal methods of take.

Significant Changes

This amendment will add 31 bear counties to the bear hunting area in Kentucky. This amendment will establish three bear zones that will be used to set season quotas that are appropriate for the abundance of bears in that specific area. The Chase-only season will be lengthened to include the dates of September 9 – September 30. The bear quota hunt with dogs season will be adjusted to include the dates of October 28 – November 3. A bear muzzle loading season will be established in bear zone 3 and take place from December 9 – December 17. The overall quota will be increased to fifty (50) bears, but the female quota will remain unchanged at twenty (20) bears. Finally, this amendment opens the archery-crossbow, modern gun, and muzzleloader bear season to non-resident hunters.